

ECONOMICS 320
MACROECONOMIC THEORY II

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Course Website

The Econ 320 website is accessible to students registered in the course through Moodle @ Queen's at <https://moodle.queensu.ca/>

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Class Times and Location

Tuesdays: 11:30-12:50 and Fridays: 1:00-2:20

Miller Hall, Room 201

Course Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to study neoclassical models which explore the causes, characteristics, and consequences of short- to medium-run fluctuations in economic activity (business cycles). We also examine the effects of government policies on economic aggregate variables within these models.

Textbook

Required Material:

Macroeconomic Theory and Policy by David Andolfatto, Simon Fraser University, 2008.

This text is being distributed by the Publishing and Copy Centre located in the basement of the John Deutsch Centre and it can be purchased there. The text is also available for downloading as a pdf file from the link on the Econ 320 course website. A copy is also on reserve in Stauffer Library.

Evaluation

Students' performance is evaluated through assignments, a midterm exam, and a final exam. Each student's weighted course average will be calculated as the maximum of the following two weighting methods:

	<u>Weighting Method I</u>	<u>Weighting Method II</u>
Assignments:	20 %	20 %
Midterm:	30 %	20 %
Final:	50 %	60 %

1. Each component of the course will receive numerical percentage marks. The course grade you receive will be derived by converting your numerical course weighted average (as defined see above) to a letter grade according to Queen's University's Official Grade Conversion Scale.
2. **There will be no changes to these weighting methods.**

Assignments

1. Late assignments will not be accepted.

2. Suggested answers to assignments will be available from the course website after the due date.
3. Students are encouraged to work together on assignments but each student must submit their own completed assignment (no photocopies!)
4. Assignments should be handed in using the collection box located on the 2nd floor of Dunning Hall in front of the elevator. These boxes are only available for use between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday. When handing in a completed assignment, please complete and attach the Economics Assignment Cover Page which is available from the Econ 320 course website and from the collection box site.
5. Marked assignments should be picked up from the Economics Distribution Centre located in Dunning Hall, Room 334. The hours of the Distribution Centre are available from the following website:

http://www.econ.queensu.ca/academics/undergraduate/distribution_centre

Examinations

1. The midterm is **tentatively** scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 1, 2012, 7:00pm - 8:30pm.
2. The final exam date is determined by a university-wide final examination schedule and will be announced at a later date.
3. Students need a calculator for examinations. Permitted calculators are a Cassio 991 or a calculator with a Gold Applied Science Approval Sticker or a calculator with a Blue Commerce Approval Sticker.
4. Some previous exams are available from the course website. Please note that written answers to previous exams will **not** be provided.

Other

1. Please note that if you are too ill to complete an assignment or write an exam, you must provide medical documentation. If this documentation is provided by an off-campus health official, you must have the health official complete the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Off-Campus Physician's Note which is available from the Econ 320 website.

Brief Course Outline

A Detailed Course Outline is available from the Econ 320 website.

(The Course Outline is subject to change).

1. Introduction
2. Measuring Economic Activity
3. A Static Model of the Labour Market
4. Productivity Shocks and Business Cycles
5. Uncertainty and Expectations
6. Unemployment
7. Government in the Static Model
8. A Dynamic Model of Consumption and Savings
9. Government in the Dynamic Model without Leisure
10. Government in the Dynamic Model with Leisure
11. Investment and Capital Accumulation
12. Money and Inflation

Academic Integrity

Please read the following statements by the University on academic integrity:

Academic integrity is constituted by the five core fundamental values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility (see <http://www.academicintegrity.org>). These values are central to the building, nurturing and sustaining of an academic community in which all members of the community will thrive. Adherence to the values expressed through academic integrity forms a foundation for the “freedom of inquiry and exchange of ideas” essential to the intellectual life of the University (see the Senate Report on Principles and Priorities at <http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/princpri/>)

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the regulations concerning academic integrity and for ensuring that their assignments conform to the principles of academic integrity. Information on academic integrity is available in the Arts and Science Calendar (see Academic Regulation 1) on the Arts and Science website: <http://www.queensu.ca/artsci>

Departures from academic integrity include plagiarism, use of unauthorized materials, facilitation, forgery and falsification, and are antithetical to the development of an academic community at Queen’s. Given the seriousness of these matters, actions which contravene the regulation on academic integrity carry sanctions that can range from a warning or the loss of grades on an assignment to the failure of a course to a requirement to withdraw from the university.